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W. B. K. JOHNSON'S

—A FULL LINE OF—

Vines, etc., etc.

All seedlings or new fruits thoroughly tested before offering for sale. We are studying to grow the cleanest, the straightest, the most vigorous and healthiest nursery stock possible. We are sparing neither time nor labor to obtain this end. Buyers and amateurs are always cordially invited to visit my grounds, giving it the closest inspection. You will find my prices compare with any reliable nursery in this country, considering grade and quality, and in many instances lower. Wholesale buyers will find it a saving of long freights and delays. All stock is warranted true to name, where mistakes occur on our side, upon satisfactory explanation, we will either refund the money paid for such mistake or give another of its kind gratis. No freight or delivery charges paid by us. Stock put to R. R. or express free of drayage charges, fresh dug and in good order, then my responsibility ceases, and is at your risk. If stock does not reach you in good time, inform me, and a tracer will immediately be sent to hasten your stock. Trees going a distance should be either baled or boxed, for which we charge actual cost only.

We have the very best shipping facilities, two railroads east, two south, two north and northwest and one west.

W. B. K. JOHNSON.

236 North Eighth Street,

ALLENTOWN, PA.

Plants sent by mail when cash accompanies the order. Write for prices.

✓ LEHIGH STRAWBERRY.

A seedling of the Cresent fertilized by one or more of the half a dozen varieties on the same bed expressly for cross fertilization. I fruited this seedling for fourteen years, during which time it yearly improved. In 1894 went beyond my expectations, having two patches, one a three-year-old, 226 x 21 ft or 4746 sq. ft. from this patch two pickers in ten hours, one days work, picked 292 quart boxes, the fifth picking, the other a one year patch 400 x 24 ft. or 9,600 sq. ft. from this patch women pickers picked 136, 123. 111, and new hands from 80 to 100 quart boxes, one days work of ten hours, the fifth picking. In all eight pickings were made, the three and the one year patch together containing seven hundred and ninety seven, two thousand four hundred and twentieth of an acre, yielding 164 crates of 32 quarts each or 5248 quarts, being at the rate of 15,935 quarts to the acre, a record never surpassed in our section by any other variety.

The berry somewhat resembles the crescent in form and shape being considerably larger and of a brighter red, in color, more pleasant to the taste, having some of the wild strawberry flavor, leaf and berry stem long and strong, leaf large and deeply serrated, flowers of a pistilate order, having stamens enough to fertilize, an excellent shipper, retains its color well. In 1894 it ripened with Michel's Early, both Lehigh and Michel's Early were picked on the 26th of May, on this day Lehigh had most berries to the row, and carried its berries until the latter part of June. During the fourteen years it never had stem or leaf blight on my grounds or on those of a different soil where it was placed on trial, a strong runner, matting its rows the first season, market or family use.

David Kuehn, Allentown, Pa., a retired small fruit and truck farmer watched this berry for several years, and this is what he says, "It is the cleanest, best flavored and most productive berry I ever saw. The nearest I ever came to it was with the Manchester when it first came out, then I had from one and one-sixteenth acre 12,070 quart boxes, next year it blighted and ever afterwards I noticed the improvement of the Lehigh year after year, and would scarcely seem possible to do better than it did this year. I never saw its equal and believe the Lehigh like the Concord grape, the berry for the million.

Lehigh strawberry plants can be bought after October first, mailed to your address at \$1.00 per dozen ; \$5.00 per hundred by express, other varieties at the usual rates, also Greenville and Trimbull plants per dozen or 100.

✓ PARADISE SWEET.

Not new, but offered as a Nursery Stock for the first time, locally grown in Lehigh, Bucks and Montgomery counties, Penna. Tree, a moderate grower, fruit, large, of a glossy red, flesh white, crisp, very juicy, a very pleasant eating apple, and particularly appreciated for cider ; season, September, with care can be kept until January in an ordinary cellar ; every farmer should at least have a few trees.

✓ LEHIGH GREENING.

This apple has been grown in Lehigh county, Pa., for upwards of fifty years. So far as we know there are twenty-six bearing trees, and wherever grown is the favorite family apple for all purposes, in its season. In the nursery it is one of the best growers, in the bearing tree, spreading with a full round top, its heavy crops of large fruit brings its lower branches down, leaf large and deeply serrated annual bearer, its heavy yield every two years, fruit very large round, skin dark green in fall, turning to a golden yellow, spotted with small gray dots or scars, with a few brown spots, rusty in the stem cavity, stalk medium and rather slender, calyx open in a deep basin, flesh yellowish white, crisp sub-acid, fine, and evenly grained, firm, aromatic, core very small, season from January to June. July 18th, 1892 three apples kept in an ordinary cellar were sent to the Pomologist at Washington in excellent condition. Trees offered for the first time, 3 year old, one year tops 75 cts. \$6.00 per dozen.

✓ JOHNSON'S QUINCE.

An accidental seedling, being in the family many years. About thirteen years ago, first attention was given to find out its variety. Samples were sent from that time until now to Nurserymen, Horticulturists, Pomological Society, American Institute Fair and others to be named, being unknown. It was finally named the Johnson Quince. Having now a large number of letters speaking of its superior quality I began its propagation. The American Institute Fair in 1889 made special mention as being larger, finer and more evenly grained, of a milder flavor than the apple or orange, tree a strong upright grower, spreading top, leaf large and thick, producing annually heavy yields, tendency to overbear, large, samples weighing 13½ ounces, quality fine and more evenly grained, milder in flavor and about five days later than the orange, a good shipper, easily kept until December. During the severe winter of '92 and '93 when 12 degrees below zero the parent tree was not injured. In my quince orchard it proves to be an early bearer. The only tree remaining from the

original stock now thirteen years old measuring 12¼ inches in circumference carries 223 large size clean and smooth fruit hanging in clusters of four, five and six touching each other.

✓ ALLEN BLACKBERRY.

One of the earliest and most prolific berry grown of a black glossy color, smooth and even, fine shipping qualities, small tender seeds, very juicy, sweet, pleasant aroma, free from that hard core, its compact inflorescence rendering it of easy picking, ranks among the best, as a test, ripe berries were left nine days on the bush before losing color, ripens all of two weeks earlier than the Kittatiny. No plants before fall of '95. Photos 8 x 10 of a bearing row sent at cost price, 20 cts each.

✓ FERNDALE RASPBERRY.

My attention for many years was largely given to the improvement of small and other fruits. I now feel amply rewarded in offering this berry to the public. It is a chance seedling, for five years I carried about three-quarters of an acre testing its qualities and behaviour. In yield it surpassed all other varieties except Shaffer's Colossal, which is too soft for market purposes and color objectionable. The Ferndale is reliable in its yield, it carried well in the severe winter of '92 and '93, equally as well as the Gregg alongside, and better than the Cuthbert. The canes are at least one-third heavier than the Gregg, with less spines, fruit from one-third to one-half larger, round oblate, large to very large, seeds few and small, quite regular and smooth, crimson black with a very heavy bloom, drupes large, flattened, showing suture, texture firm, moderately juicy, sweet, aromatic, very good, a few days earlier than Gregg. In June 1892 from $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre we gathered 4368 quarts. The Pomologist at Washington will make mention in his forthcoming annual report of the Department of Agriculture, please notice it. Remarks by my customers, "if we don't use your berry in one day, it holds its color and firmness for the next day, while others lose their color and soften."

Now offered for the first time, mailed to any address at \$6.00 per dozen.

✓ KOCHER'S APPLE.

The seed of this apple was planted by Mrs. Benj. Kocher in 1860, now a tree sixteen inches in diameter, thirty feet high and thirty five feet wide, one of the most vigorous growers in the Nursery, annual regular bearer, its size, color and regular form makes one of the most attractive apples on the market, it has received a Bronze Medal at the American Institute Fair, 1889, for excellence; one of the best baking or cooking apples, can be used as soon as large enough to pare and quarter; Fruit, large to very large, oblong, tapering roundly to the eye, skin, smooth and glossy, yellow ground, red and splashed with red, small white dots, flesh white, crisp, firm, juicy with a rich brisk acid flavor, season from October to February, often until March. 3 year old trees \$6.00

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